" (h) The present pool price of imported ammonium sulphate is Rs. 290 per ton free on rail, Main Port, Madras and the price of Ammonium Sulphate supplied by Messrs. Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore, Limited, is Rs. 320 per ton ex-factory in 1 cwt. gunny bags. The imported fertilizer is being sold by the Agricultural Department at the pool price plus incidental charges such as railway freight. The three selected firms sell the imported fertilizer at the pool price plus their commission and handling charges as approved by Government. The higher priced Travancore supplies are being sold by the Agricultural Department to manure mixing firms and sugar factories at cost price plus incidental charges."

Admission of students to the Agricultural Colleges.

*81 Q.—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the Agricultural Colleges in the Province—

(a) the total number of applications received from candidates for admission ;

(b) the number of applicants from each community (1) Brahmans, (2) Non-Brahmans, (3) Harijans, (4) Muslims, (5) Indian Christians, and (6) Anglo-Indians;

(c) the number of admissions for each community as mentioned above ;

(d) the number of applicants who had taken the Degree of B.Sc. or other equivalent degrees or higher degrees;

(e) the number of applicants who had passed the Intermediate Examinations of Madras University or any other University in first class ; and

(f) the number of those who were eventually found to be disqualified for admission?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) 728.

" (b)	Brahmans	347
	Non-Brahmans	339
	Harijans	8
	Muslims	9
	Indian Christians	25
	Anglo-Indians	Nil.
" (c)	Brahmans	40
	Non-Brahmans	118
	Harijans	4
	Muslims	8
	Indian Christians	10
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"(d) 25.

"(e) 66.

"(f) 154."

Birth control.

* 82 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the recommendation of the Bhore Committee regarding establishment of birth control clinics and come to a decision;

(b) whether the New-Malthusian League, Madras and Coimbatore, offered their services and their request has been turned down;

(c) whether the council of scientific and industrial research has undertaken the development of sponges, etc., for the purpose of birth control; and

(d) whether this Government have examined the possibility of popularising the use of sponges, etc., as a measure of birth control?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) Yes; they have decided not to take any action for the present.

"(b) Yes.

"(c) The Government have no information.

"(d) Does not arise."

Compensation to be paid under the Estates Abolition Bill of 1947.

* 82-A Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered any enquiry to be made with regard to ascertaining the approximate compensation to be paid under the Estates Abolition Bill of 1947 (L.A. Bill 37 of 1947) and if so, to lay on the table of the House the approximate compensation payable—

(1) to each of the major zamindars in the Province; and

(2) to the rest of the landholders in the aggregate?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO:—"The Government have estimated that the total amount payable as compensation under the Bill for all estates will come to Rs. 17·15 crores approximately. As the compensation payable for an estate will be based on the ryotwari demand that will be arrived at after the estate has been surveyed and settled on a ryotwari basis, it is not at present possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy, the compensation that will be payable in respect of each estate or to each of the several persons who will be entitled to the compensation."